



SUDAN MORNING NEWS

<http://sudan.usembassy.gov/>



June 27, 2010

NCP and SPLM sign memorandum on post-Referendum arrangements

The National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) signed a memorandum of understanding this week related to post-referendum arrangements, following a meeting between the two partners in Ethiopia. The memo provided for a meeting in Khartoum next month to outline the basic agenda for the next round of talks. Egypt, on the other hand offered to host the second round of talks between the CPA partners in Cairo in mid-July. (*Sudan Vision*)

Sudan freezes its membership in Nile basin initiative

Sudanese Minister of Irrigation Kamal Ali Mohamed announced yesterday that Sudan was freezing its membership in the Nile basin initiative until a solution is found for resolving the legal implications [of the initiative].” The Sudanese official told Qatar-based *Al-Jazeera* Channel that both irrigation ministers of Sudan and Egypt were in Addis Ababa this week along with other member states to discuss this issue which is putting Sudan and Egypt up against five other riparian countries. Both Egypt and Sudan have refused any alteration to the pre-existing accords of 1929 & 1959 which gave them veto power over upstream projects. Some of the Nile Basin countries, which include Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo, say past treaties are unfair and they want an equitable water-sharing agreement that would allow for more irrigation and power projects. (*Sudantribune.com, Al-Ahram*)

Juba Alliance on food, strike in solidarity with PCP Turabi

Opposition parties from the Juba Alliance have joined forces to conduct a food strike that started yesterday to protest the detention of Popular

Congress Party (PCP) Leader Hassan Abdullah Al-Turabi who has been detained for more than two months now. Members of the alliance noted that Al-Turabi's detention is a violation of the National Interim Constitution. SPLM Deputy Secretary General for Northern Sector, Yasir Arman, affirmed that there is no legal grounds for Al-Turabi's imprisonment; demanding the National Congress Party to bring the PCP leader to trial or release him. Umma Party member, Miriam Al-Mahdi was quoted by *Al-Wefaq* as calling for “a confrontation on this attack on freedom” and accusing the government of Sudan of destabilizing the South in order to rig the referendum results. “The government is digging its own grave in history if the south secedes”, she added. (*Al-Tayar, Al-Hagiga*)

Amum calls on the north to prepare for accepting a new neighbour

Pagan Amum, speaking in his capacity as Minister of Peace and implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) implementation as well as Secretary-General of the Sudan People's Liberation, has called on the north to prepare itself for accepting a new state and respecting its rights. Amum claimed that unity was not a likely choice for the Southerners, downplaying the possibility of war between northern and Southern Sudan should the south become a separate State. (*Al-Ahdath, Al-Intibaha*)

Parliament calls in Minister of Finance to report on food crisis in Darfur

Sudanese National Assembly called in the Minister of Finance and National Economy to report on the reasons behind the recent food crisis in Darfur.

(*Al-Ahdath*)

The Sudan Morning News is compiled as a service of the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan. It presents a partial survey of the current Sudanese press and international reporting about Sudan. This summary does not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Government.